

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ROOM 208
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

AMENDED

Members Present: Councilman Todd Berch, Chair
Councilman Gerald Daley

Student Rep: Matt Gomes

Absent: Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Staff Present: William Russo, Public Works Director

Chair Berch opened the Public Works Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2012. Commissioner Daley motioned to approve minutes it was seconded and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5a – Sanitation Appropriation – Retirement – Director Russo presented an appropriation for retirement funding for the Assistant Superintendent of Sanitation in the amount of \$42,500 to cover unused sick time and retirement incentive. Chair Berch motioned Commission for approval to move appropriation to Common Council pending Sanitation Commission approval. Motion was so moved and approved.

Item 5b – LoCip Funding – Upgrade to Offices – Director Russo advised that he had been advised by the Swat Team of the Police Department to tighten security. One recommendation was to put solid doors in all the offices rather than the glass door some offices have. Some security measures have already been added such as numbers on the outside windows and security cards for doors. The LoCip funding available would also allow for certain moves within the building. Chair Berch requested motion to approve LoCip funding. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Daley and approved.

Item 5c – Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance – Director Russo advised that this is a listing of requirements by the Department of Environmental Protection. He

said that this is a proactive step to address some of the concerns of Environmental Protection and will allow the City to fine as necessary. If approved by Public Works Commission, it would go to Ordinance Study Commission for approval. Commissioner Daley moved to forward to Ordinance Study Commission, seconded by Commissioner Berch and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Russo presented letter from Thaddeus Bysiewicz for approval of street name of West Poplar Road in the Poplar Estates subdivision. Chair Berch moved for approval, Commissioner Daley seconded and was accepted.

OTHER

Director Russo presented the monthly report. Chair Berch mentioned the great job Public Works did during the last snow storm. Director Russo advised of the upcoming paving.

Chair Berch stated he received an e-mail from a resident who was happy with the work done on Chaberslain Hill Road but wanted to know when work would be completed. Director Russo advised that work is continuing to resolve the water problem.

Director Russo stated he asked the Mayor and Finance Department if the City could support a road bond. In anticipation of a positive reply, he has asked his staff to prepare a list of roads that need work and will prioritize based on fund allocations.

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared by:

William Russo
Director of Public Works